

FISCAL NOTE

HB 220 - SB 1990

March 18, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Grants the Tennessee Regulatory Authority jurisdiction over water, gas and wastewater utility districts.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures -	\$12,000 One-Time
	\$426,000 Recurring
Increase State Revenues -	\$438,000
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures -	\$438,000 *

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Regulatory Authority would have jurisdiction over 201 water, gas and wastewater utility districts.
- The Tennessee Regulatory Authority would need 7 additional staff consisting of 4 Utility Rate Specialists, 1 Consumer Protection Specialist 2, 1 Administrative Services Assistant 2, and 1 Attorney 3 position.
- Computer hardware and office supplies would be required for additional personnel.
- TRA will have the authority to assess fees to such districts to cover the regulatory costs.
- Utility districts will have an increase in expenditures of \$438,000.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director